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FOR: DESALINATION METHOD AND DESALINATION APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.